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Office Action Summary

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Frederick C. Nicolas

Art Unit

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 5, 6 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4 and 7-9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/05 and 11/05.

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Inventor's Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: on the abstract page, "grove" should be --groove--. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 2,7 are objected to because of the following informalities: in claims 2 and 7, line 3, "grove" should be --groove--. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1,5-6,10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Willen et al. EP1245526 A1.

Willen et al. disclose an alcohol beverage container assembly (col. 1, ll. 1-6), which comprises a keg (1) having a flange (28) that defines a keg aperture, a bag (4) contained in the keg for containing an alcohol beverage, the bag having a neck (74) for supporting the bag in the keg, the neck having a peripheral wall portion sized less than that of the keg aperture, and the neck having a central passageway extending into the bag that is adapted to receive a beverage filling and dispensing valve assembly (18,20), and, an interlocking collar (36) mounted in press fit surrounding relation with the peripheral wall portion of the neck, the collar having an outer peripheral wall portion (24)

sized larger than that of the keg aperture, the collar having a recessed groove in the collar outer peripheral wall portion for receiving the keg flange in press fitting and sealing relation therewith as seen in Figure 2, and the collar outer peripheral wall portion having a resilient edge portion adjacent the recessed groove that deflects to permit the interlocking collar to pass through the keg aperture and receive the keg flange in the recessed groove (col. 1, ll. 33-46 and as seen in Figure 2).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 2-4,7-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Sebalos 4,265,374, Timp et al. 6,516,839, Sluijter 6,824,017, Kawai et al. 6,237,809 and Osgar 5,435,460 disclose other types of container assembly.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frederick C. Nicolas whose telephone number is (571)-272-4931. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin P. Shaver, can be reached on 571-272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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